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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

FEE CALCULATION

No additional fee is required. However, if a fee is needed or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the underpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

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AMENDMENTS

Claims:

Please cancel claim 21 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14-18, 24 and 25 and add new claim 26 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the “clean” version attached hereto as Appendix A.

Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENT

The amendments made herein were intended to "Americanize" the claims and place them into appropriate condition for consideration and allowance.

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